

SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMUNITY
TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM
June 28, 2011 Minutes

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Robin Butler opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. and introductions were made by attendees.

Robin requested review and approval of the May 24th minutes. Robert Ladoczky made motion to approve the minutes, and Will Maxwell seconded.

Old Business:

Discussion regarding Citation Review, with Robin advising that Tom Wagner, Clerk of Court IT, did not know what the County is capable of – does not know which fees are County set and which are State set. Pete Brevenstuhl noted he has a copy of the statute regarding this and will forward to Robin.

Katrina with CPD advised they ended up with 10 DUI arrests and 1 DWLS arrest with Memorial Day Operation, as well as a large number of tickets issued. Overall, operation was successful.

Dan with ASPD advised of meeting yesterday to update everyone. Briefing will be on July 3rd at 2:00 for ASPD and 5:30 for outside agencies in Theater 5 (at this time). If working event and vehicle not needed, parking will be in the North parking garage, top level. If vehicle needed, will be parking in parking lot. Discussion regarding signboards and mule usage. Robin noted that David Muniz was speaking with her yesterday in reference to Ryan Bach trying to coordinate overhead signs. David had indicated there is fiber under the field area where command center is set up. He was going to get with Ryan regarding link to command center with equipment being loaned. Dan to contact David regarding same.

Will with WSPD advised they will have briefing July 3rd at 3:00 at the police department.

Sanford PD was not present to provide fireworks update.

New Business:

Hyperthermia Awareness Campaign

Robin advised they are working with Safe Kids on the hyperthermia campaign. She has posters and window clings and is attempting to find sponsors to pay for the window clings, which are \$6.70 each if SC sign shop makes them. A note has been sent to David Maus, as well as a local McDonalds. Chick-Fil-

A was also mentioned. Also indicated that Seminole County will have paycheck stuffers in their July 20th paycheck and requested members check with their agencies to see if they can do the same. When printed on 11 x 17, the stuffers are much bigger. These can also be provided to traffic enforcement officers to be distributed on traffic stops made. Robin has also acquired the large thermometer display that you can place in a vehicle and it shows how quickly the inside temperature heats up. She will have July 21st – August 7th. Robin is attempting to coordinate using at David Maus Chevrolet, as well as Altamonte Mall. City of Longwood will use for their National Night Out on August 2nd. Robin noted she went to the press conference in Boca Raton and discussed a key speaker who left his child in his car. She advised that 10 children in the nation have died, being left in cars, but none in Florida. The outside temperature for the first two children was 72 and 73 degrees. She indicated that, while not pushing a product, she could see the value of the caregiver bracelets recently shown at our meeting, especially if multiple family members are involved in picking up/dropping off children. Requested assistance with distribution of posters, will be doing press releases and would like to be able to say CTST is involved and see us do great things with the campaign.

Problems and Solutions:

Will advised that Shad Smith is being required to step down from the CTST and someone was needed to take over the problems and solutions. Mike Blinn indicated he would take over it. Robin noted problems and solutions sheets are on line and submitted to her, Will and Shad. Robin mentioned that Shad will also not be able to participate in the RSA Team. After discussion, it was decided that the core committee will remain as is and invitations being sent to the police chief of the involved municipality. Mike indicated it would be helpful for City Engineer's to participate as well. Colleen noted it would be nice to still have Shad or someone from his area and Robin suggested Colleen contact Brett Blackadar to discuss the value of having that component on the team.

Traffic Fatalities:

Mike advised he had only received two reports to date. The first was for **SR 46 at Marina Isle Cove on the new bridge on May 18th, 2011.** The 21 year old driver was responsible for a previous DUI fatality in 2006, as well as numerous other traffic violations. There was a lengthy discussion regarding drivers with multiple violations and the reasoning behind them still being allowed to drive.

The second was **W. Palm Valley (off SR 434) on June 12, 2011.** The driver was speeding and hit pedestrian crossing the road in an area not well lit and in dark clothing. Pedestrian was 26 years old. It was noted that pedestrian did have an active DL. Robin indicated, since it was noted it was not well lit, that it should be looked at.

Mike noted we are at 18 fatalities, including the one today, in the County. There were 32 last year.

Roadway Safety Assessment Team:

Colleen advised they visited International Parkway and 46A. Ronnie Gregory had mentioned a vehicle coming southbound out of Publix driveway attempting to make a left and going over traffic separator. One way signs were in place when field review performed. Suggestions: reflective tape be placed on the post; in southbound driveway, install striping to better define it as being a right turn only; removal of one way sign from stop sign assembly and placement of pedestrian sign in its place. Shad was following up with property owner regarding placement of pavement messages. Mike advised the County is also

placing signs mid block to deter pedestrian crossing (please cross at signal). NE corner has trail crossing sign that needs to be removed as well.

Colleen also mentioned complaint regarding Yankee Lake and SR 46, exiting Yankee Lake. She will be looking at.

Problems and Solutions:

Robin indicated that Problems and Solutions is being tabled and that most items have been closed according to conversation with Shad yesterday.

Announcements:

JoJo has events coming up in September for School Zone Safety at Partin Elementary.

Monday, July 11th is the Statewide Coalition meeting.

City of Longwood is taking over Safe Kids and Kelly Morrow will be the coordinator. Discussion ensued regarding Orange County having a Board of Directors and Sheryl advised their 501C3 status requires it. Robin indicated with the partnership formed with David Maus, techs need to be at the CPS events held there as often as possible, on Mondays, 2 – 4 p.m.

Robin advised of CPS recertification class on September 12 – 15. This is a revenue class, \$200 per person, additional 2 year certification fee; however, for our group there will not be a fee. September 15th will be the check up event and Robin hopes to utilize David Maus for this event. The Class will be held at the SC Fire Department Training Center 201 Valentine Way, Longwood (off of SR 419).

Mike reviewed three DL's that are potential issues, from a list of fatals that Robin forwarded to him last month. These are Frank Michael Soley, Ali Muhammed Chehab and Gregory Patrick Wheeler. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding what can be done with habitual offenders. It was mentioned that studies indicate where there is a strong traffic unit, crime is lower.

Robin requested Mike forward her a copy of each fatality report and Sheryl pull DL's for all fatalities for the past three years and forward to her to see what the team can accomplish regarding habitual offenders.

Robin also requested Pete forward the copy of the statutes to her in regards to fines.

Mike advised that he talked to ITEC regarding placement of a standard report countywide. They assured him they would send an update within 60 days (August – September), in order for everyone in Seminole County to capture the same information. Pete indicated he would send the new short form out.

Jim noted that school starts on August 15th in Seminole County and bus drivers will be on the road the week before. He indicated that no thought has been given to School Bus Safety Awareness Week as yet as they are working on summer school. Robin mentioned that she would like to incorporate the School Zone Awareness and pull the partnership together. Robin advised she would also like to coordinate the

Walk Your Child to School Day in October with the Walking School Bus somehow. Joy advised that the Walking School Bus is a walking program to battle obesity, improve studies and energize students. She is working with JoJo to get the schools involved. Joy advised that Lake Orienta has their own thing going on with kids walking to school together, but no parents involved. JoJo further advised that Partin Elementary is on board and Lawton Elementary already has a monthly walk. She further advised that the biggest worry is the liability issue. Sheryl advised they had the same problem arise in Chicago and they created safe zones where residents would step out on their porches during the commute to and from school to keep their eyes on the road and children. They also designated these houses as safe houses for the kids in event of emergency and/or crisis. Joy is looking for assistance from Dividends volunteers as they have already gone through the background checks. Katrina mentioned that Rainbow Elementary would be a great school and community area to contact. Robin mentioned if we can figure out exactly where, when and how we wish to do this collectively (with Safety Zones, School Bus Safety Awareness, Walk Your Child to School) she can get it before the Seminole County School Board to make a presentation. Once their blessing is received, it is easier to work with the principals.

Pete requested larger VMB's from the County for use the week before school (August 8th – 15th), with "Back to School" messages to be placed around school zones.

Katrina mentioned issue at Walker Elementary in Chuluota with Citizens on Patrol just sitting in vehicles with yellow lights on with a line of cars trying to get out of school. Pete advised he would handle.

Joe advised they have received order of gadget grips for cell phones to be used in their statewide campaign on cell phone usage. He indicated they also bought corn hole games to utilize with DUI goggles at school events. He advised he would also be going to UCF.

Joe reviewed the three roads in Seminole County that were included in the Top 5% list of roads with safety issues and crashes for 2009. They are: Red Bug Lake Road, E. of Dr. Phillips to E. of Clinging Vine; E. Lake Mary Blvd, W. of I-4 to Country Club; and, Mitchell Hammock, Clontz to E. of Lockwood. Robin requested Joe query the time of day and cause for the incidents on these roads. Joe indicated that he has, through 2009, all the GIS plots for all crashes for long forms.

Dwayne with OPD indicated that he finally succeeded in getting Oviedo to look at Red Light Cameras; however, there have been issues with hearing officers throwing citations out. Discussion ensued with it being noted that Broward County now has a lawsuit stating that because they have the red light cameras, it is unconstitutional for officers to write citations and they are being thrown out.

There was a brief discussion regarding the incidents involving teen drivers and it was indicated that the more kids in the car the higher the opportunity for a crash. When there is a large group of kids in a vehicle they don't buckle up due to there being more kids than safety belts. There was also a brief discussion regarding kids riding in the back of a pickup truck. It was noted that the law was changed and if you are six years of age, the same law that allows you to ride in a motor home now applies to a pickup truck. The laws from state to state vary.

There being no further discussion, meeting was adjourned. Next Meeting is Tuesday, July 26, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Lake Mary Police Department, located at 165 E. Crystal Lake Drive.